Mail Service in Kerala

701. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI K. GOPALAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that mail service in Kerala is in total disarray;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to improve the service;

(c) whether it is also a fact that in various RMS Offices enough staff is not there to handle the postal work; if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government propose to recruit more staff for these offices; and

(e) whether Government propose to appoint a High Level Expert Committee to study the problems of postal services in Kerala?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) All the Railway Mail Service offices and units in Kerala are adequately staffed. As and when shortage is experienced due to leave etc., Reserved Trained Pool staff are engaged to do the work.

(e) No, Sir.

Telegraph Division in Kerala

702. SHRI V. GOPALASAMY:
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Will the Minister of COMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the telegraph divisions in Kerala and the areas being served by each division;

(b) what are the details of the new divisions which are proposed to be introduced during the Seventh Plan period in Kerala;

(c) whether there is any proposal to close down any of the existing telegraph divisions in Kerala; if so, what are the names of those divisions and what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government will review the position to ensure that no division in backward areas is closed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Information is given in the Statement. (*See* below).

(b) to (d) The Department of Telecom. has decided on 8-4-85 to reorganise the existing management of Telecom. Circles on the basis of the Secondary Switching Areas (SSAs). Each SSA would constitute a basic management/operative unit in the circle and it will be called the Telecom. Distt.

2. With increase in workload these districts will not be bifurcated any further, instead their management level would change. Depending upon the workload, the Telecom. Distts. will be headed by a Telecom. Distt. Engineer, Telecom. Distt. Manager or General Manager Telecom. Distt. This scheme is in the process of being implemented.

3. In view of this the question of formation of new independent divisions in future does not arise. Further the existing Telegraph Divisions in Kerala Circle are not being closed but they are only being re-organised on the SSA pattern wherever justified. This scheme is expected to help to provide better and more effective Telecom. Services to the public.